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(for Noncontinuing, Nonprovisional  
Applications under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 63345

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COMPRESSION AND DECOMPRESSION

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(X) Priority of application number 60 / 040241 filed on 3/11/98 in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

( ) A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

( ) A MicroFiche Computer Program (Appendix) is enclosed.

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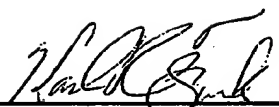
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